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SUBJ: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: KNOWLEDGEABLE BELGIAN
ASSESSES SITUATION

1. FOLLOWING RETURN FROM BUJUMBURA JUNE 4, I SPOKE FOR TWO HOURS WITH BELGIAN MINING EXECUTIVE DR. CHARLES SCHEYNS, KIVU RESIDENT FOR OVER 30 YEARS. SCHEYNS, WHO IS VALUED CONTACT THIS CONSULATE, HAS KEEN UNDERSTANDING LOCAL THOUGHT PATTERNS AND MORES; RECEIVED ORDER OF LEOPARD FROM MOBUTU FOR ROLE AS INTER-MEDIARY IN ARRANGING EVACUATION OF MERCENARIES FROM BUKAVU IN 1967. HE STRESSED THAT TO BE EFFECTIVE AN INTERMEDIARY WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE KNOWN TO PRB ELEMENTS.

2. SCHEYNS HELD THAT ITALIAN PRIESTS IN ZAIRE ARE BEST POSSIBLE INTERMEDIARIES; THOSE IN BURUNDI OR TANZANIA PROBABLY DISTINCT SECOND BEST. HE COMMENTED THAT PRIESTS COULD WORK ESPECIALLY WELL THROUGH LOCAL CATECHISTS QTE SOME OF WHOM ARE BOUND TO HAVE CONTACTS WITH PRP UNQTE.

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3. SECOND CHANNEL ACCORDING SCHEYNS WOULD BE THROUGH MEN IN

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BURUNDI OF TANZANIA WHO BUY GOLD SMUGGLED ACROSS LAKE TANGANIKA. SCHEYNS HAS IMPRESSION THAT BUJUMBURA STILL A CENTER THIS TRADE.

4. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED FOLLOWING NAMES BUT IS NOT RPT NOT SURE WHETHER THIS REFERS TO ONE INDIVIDUAL OR TO TWO SEPARATE PEOPLE: GULAM ALI JAMAL DAUD. THUS, THIS COULD BE GULAM ALI AND JAMAL DAUD OR ONE MAN WITH FOUR NAMES. SCHEYNS BELIEVES THAT DESPITE ARAB NAMES, MAN OR MEN ARE AFRICANS AND THAT THEY RECEIVE GOLD COMING FROM FIZI AREA AS WELL AS FROM FURTHER NORTH AROUND SHABUNDA.

5. FINAL SUGGESTION SCHEYNS MADE WAS ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH PRP THROUGH FORMER REBELS NOW NO LONGER IN ZAIRE. HE HAS IMPRESSION THAT SUCH PEOPLE QTE STILL NUMBEROUS UNQTE IN BUJUMBURA. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT UGANDA WOULD BE PROMISING VENUE FOR SUCH CONTACTS.

6. SCHEYNS ADMITTED THAT GOZ MIGHT WELL BE WILLING TO PROVIDE INFO ON WHEREABOUTS FORMER REBELS OUTSIDE ITS CONTROL BUT ASSERTED THAT COL. UMBA, SECRETARY TO MOBUTU, WAS MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE THIS REGARD.

7. COMMENT: I REALIZE THAT WITHOUT SECURE COMMUNICATIONS HERE, I HAVE FALLEN OUT OF TOUCH WITH LATEST DEVELOPMENTS THIS CASE BUT THOUGHT THESE COMMENTS WERE OF SUFFICIENT INTEREST TO PASS ALONG. WILL BE HAPPY TO CONTACT SCHYNS AGAIN IF DESIRED; HE SHOULD REMAIN BUKAVU UNTIL APPROX. JUNE 15 BEFORE LEAVING FOR KINSHASA AND THEN BRUSSELS. HE DID NOT RPT. NOT BELIEVE HE COULD BE USEFUL AS POSSIBLE INTERMEDIARY HIMSELF BECAUSE HE IS NOT KNOWN TO PRP.
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